

PAYS \$1,000,000 FOR
THREE REMBRANDTS

P. A. B. Widener Gets 'Wonderful Examples of Master's Genius from Lord Wimborne.

IN ELKINS PARK HOME NOW

Recently Bought "The Mill" for \$500,000, and Has Seven Pictures by World Famous Artist in Collection.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Three world famous paintings by Rembrandt have been added to the superb collection of P. A. B. Widener at his home in Elkins Park, Penn. It is said that these paintings cost Mr. Widener \$1,000,000. He now has seven works by Rembrandt, including "The Mill," which he bought this year for \$500,000.

The three art treasures which have recently come into this country were part of the collection of Lord Wimborne, and hung in the galleries of Cranford Manor, his country seat in Dorset. They were known to lovers of art throughout the world as thoroughly representative of the great master's genius. They are called "The Circumcision," "St. Paul," and "Portrait of a Gentleman."

The three paintings were purchased by Mr. Widener while abroad last spring through Sully & Co. of London. Mr. Widener had the Rembrandts sent to this country to be placed in his private art gallery in Elkins Park, and they were hung there in July.

It was not until to-day that information came from England by cable of the purchase and the name of the buyer. The acquisition of the paintings, however, was verified at the home of Mr. Widener. George D. Widener, son of P. A. B. Widener, when seen to-night at the Widener home said:

"The three paintings are Mr. Widener's most recent art purchases, and were obtained by him while abroad last spring. They have been in his home here since July last, when they arrived from Europe. They were purchased from the collection of Lord Wimborne, through Sully & Co. I have nothing to say about the price paid for the pictures."

Art lovers and connoisseurs expressed surprise and delight to-day when it became known that the valuable works of art had been brought to this country. The most recent Rembrandt purchase by Mr. Widener prior to that of the three portraits was the famous "The Mill," which at the present time hangs in his gallery.

All the pictures are on canvas and in a wonderful state of preservation. The scriptural piece is one that was widely copied by the master's pupils, and the picture of St. Paul is the second one known of that Apostle by Rembrandt.

Nothing could be learned to-night of the identity of the "Portrait of a Gentleman." Rembrandt painted many such, as well as many studies of heads of both young and old men. Those who have seen the Widener purchase, however, agree that this particular portrait is a remarkable example of the master's art.

HOLD UP AND ROB A CLUB

Thirty Men Playing Cards Lose Watches and Jewelry.

While thirty members of the Oranada Club were playing cards in their rooms on the second floor of No. 1263 Broadway, Brooklyn, about 11 o'clock last night, five men entered the place with drawn revolvers and told the players to put up their hands.

Every man in the room obeyed, and while four of the hold-up men stood around the walls with their weapons leveled at the clusters of arms that had sprung up at every table one of their number walked through the gathering and collected jewelry, watches and cash. One club member, however, happened to be in a rear room and made his escape by jumping out of a window. He ran to the Ralph Avenue police station and gave the alarm. When Captain Shevlin and three patrolmen arrived on the scene a few minutes later the hold-up men stopped operations and made a break for the rear windows and doors.

Three of the robbers jumped out a rear window and escaped into Greene Avenue. The other two were captured by the police. They gave their names as Thomas Winters, a mechanic, of No. 217 West 37th street, and John Jammugli, a driver, of No. 41 Spring street, both in Manhattan. The men who got away carried with them about \$500 worth of jewelry.

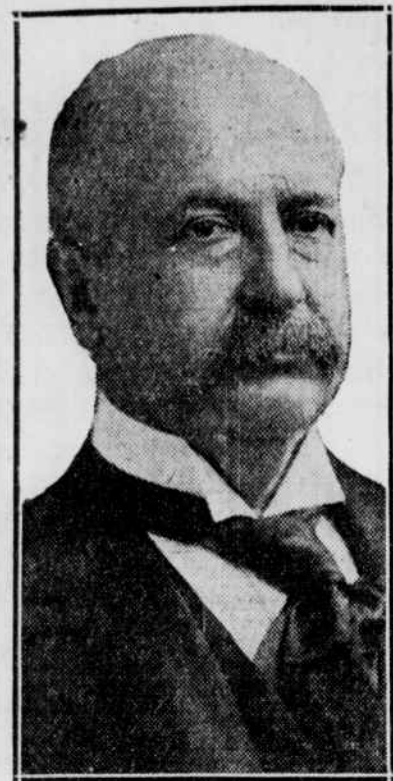
VAN RENSSLAER FOILS THEFT

Holds Boy for Police, Whom Man Had Sent for Tiffany Package.

Charles H. Lee, fifteen years old, a schoolboy, of No. 367 East 74th street, was arrested by Detectives Gallagher and Shelly, of the East 67th street station, last evening, and sent to the Children's Society charged with juvenile delinquency. The detectives say that the boy attempted to get some heirlooms belonging to Killian Van Rensselaer, a broker, of No. 23 East 65th street, under false pretences.

Yesterday afternoon a package was delivered to the Van Rensselaer home from Tiffany's. Shortly after their arrival a man called on Mr. Van Rensselaer, and, saying that he was at Tiffany's, requested the package of silverware be given to some one who would call for it, as it had been delivered by mistake. Just as he was about to deliver the package, he was arrested by the police. As the package had already been opened and its contents known to him, he was released. He was then taken to the 67th street police station.

The boy said that a man asked him to deliver a package and bring it to him, and, although they believed the boy's story, the detectives were forced to arrest Lee, as he would be their only witness if they ever catch the man he described. At the station house the boy's father called and said his son had never been accused of any wrongdoing before.



P. A. B. WIDENER. Who it is now known purchased the Wimborne Rembrandts for \$1,000,000.

FORT GEORGE HALL BURNS

Big Blaze on the Hill Destroys Dance Pavilion.

INCENDIARY, SAY POLICE

Sparks Endanger Heimath Home for Aged, but Flames Are Prevented from Spreading.

Fire destroyed the Star dance hall and hotel, in Paradise Hall, on Fort George bluff, at 155th street and St. Nicholas avenue, last night, and threatened to spread to the adjoining four story frame structure, formerly the Fort George Hotel and now occupied by the Queen Motor Aeroplane Company.

The flames were plainly seen by persons across the river in New Jersey and in the Borough of The Bronx, and only the quick work of the firemen prevented them from spreading to the other frame structures about the amusement park.

When the fire was discovered the park and the bluff were practically deserted. The reflection of the fire later drew thousands of persons to the scene, and the police reserves, who were called from the West 152d street station, had difficulty in preserving the fire lines. The police believe the fire was of incendiary origin.

Nicholas Zerrana, the watchman, informed the police that shortly before the fire started he saw a man loitering about the hall and the aeroplane factory.

Before the watchman could accost him the man turned and fled. A few minutes later the watchman discovered the fire, which started in the centre of the dancing pavilion. He made several efforts to extinguish the flames, and then called Patrolman Wilson, of the West 152d street station. An alarm was turned in, which brought four pieces of fire apparatus and Battalion Chief King.

Owing to the distance the fire apparatus had to go, the fire gained great headway prior to its arrival. Battalion Chief King ordered a second alarm turned in, and then a third, the latter alarm being a precautionary move, as the fire threatened to wipe out the many frame buildings in the amusement park. Acting Fire Chief Martin, who is in charge of the department during the illness of Fire Chief Kenon, hurried to the scene of the fire after the third alarm had been turned in. When additional fire apparatus arrived the dance hall and hotel building was doomed. The firemen concentrated their efforts upon preventing the flames from spreading to adjacent buildings.

Directly in the rear of the dance hall is the Isabella Heimath Home for the Aged, at 191st street and Amsterdam avenue. A sharp northwesterly wind carried sparks and fragments of burned timber in the direction of the home, which houses seventy-five men and fifty women. The firemen fought the fire on the south side of the dance hall, and thus kept the blaze from the Heimath Home.

During the progress of the fire several firemen were overcome by smoke and heat. They were assisted beyond the fire lines and attended by ambulance surgeons.

According to the watchman, the fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin and the work of a pyromaniac. He was confident that nothing was in the building that could have caused spontaneous combustion.

The fire was under control at 11 o'clock, although the firemen continued to play streams of water on the ruins to prevent its possible spread. The damage was estimated at about \$15,000.

SAVE FOUR FROM DROWNING

Conductor and Trainmen Drag Boys from Lake with Rope.

The quick wit of Fred W. Rawson, a New York Central conductor, and William Schreiber, a trainman, saved the lives of four boys yesterday at Van Cortlandt Park. They are James Ingram, of No. 586 West 190th street; Arthur Pinner, of No. 505 West 178th street; Arthur Perkins, of No. 519 West 178th street, and Arnold Engelson, of No. 504 West 180th street.

The four lads started to cross the northern end of Van Cortlandt Park Lake, where there was a four-inch covering of ice. The rise in temperature had weakened the ice, however, and when the boys reached the centre of the lake the ice gave way. The boys' screams attracted the attention of Rawson and Schreiber, whose train stood on a side track. They seized a coil of rope from their caboose and, making a slip noose in Western style, threw it within reach of Perkins and Pinner, and after some difficulty drew them out from among the cakes of ice.

Rawson then waded in, and when Ingram came to the surface, threw a slip noose over his head and arm and dragged him out in a semi-conscious state. In the meantime Schreiber had rescued Engelson. The four were taken to a railroad tower, and after being revived were taken to their homes.

MURDERER'S LOOT AND
FINGER PRINTS FOUND

Jewels Hidden in Storage Loft of Building Where Vogel Was Slain.

INSPECTOR HUGHES TALKS

Same Lines Shown That Helped Indict Roberts' Before, He Says, and Waldo Promotes Man Working on Case.

Police Inspector Hughes announced last night that detectives attached to the Central Office had recovered the greater part of the loot stolen from Isaac S. Vogel, the itinerant jeweller, whose body was found in the basement of a loft building at No. 125 Canal street on Wednesday morning.

He said the stolen property was found in a loft on the fourth floor, used for storage by Aaron J. Small, a shirtwaist manufacturer, and with it were a blood-stained shirt and a cigarette case which, Inspector Hughes added, bore a well defined finger print which he declared to be identical with the finger print taken of Roberts, the negro elevator boy, who was arrested soon after the body of the jeweller was found and was held on the charge of homicide.

The loot, the inspector says, consisted of two hundred pieces of silverware and jewelry, valued at more than \$1,000. Inspector Hughes went on to say:

"The detectives found what they believe to be the missing link that will connect Roberts with the murder of Vogel. Among the loot in the loft was a silver cigarette case, inside of which was a well defined finger print. Roberts was arrested in April last, charged with opening and robbing the safe of his employers, Steinhart & Co., at No. 510 Broadway.

"At that time a finger print was found in the interior of the safe which later served as evidence on which to indict Roberts. This was the first indictment by finger prints in the history of the Police Department. The detectives believe that the finger print found in the cigarette case will suffice again to indict Roberts.

Say Finger Prints Are Alike.

"When the jewelry was found it was too dark to take a photograph of it. An impression was made, however, which was compared with the finger prints taken of Roberts's fingers when he was arrested last April. The impressions are identical.

Among the loot in the third floor loft were found a bank book and a check book that had been issued to Vogel by the Trenton Trust Company, of Trenton, N. J.

When Vogel's body was found, Detective Lieutenant Foye and Detectives John M. Hayes and Wood were assigned to the case. The basement, in which the body was found, was thoroughly investigated. Ashes found in the cellar were sifted, and several tons of coal were hauled, but no clue as to the whereabouts of the missing jewelry was found. Then they extended their search to the floor.

The loft occupied by Small was the first searched on the third floor. Boxes filled with shirtwaists were piled high against the walls. Removing the boxes, the detectives found two smaller pasteboard boxes in which were the stolen jewelry, with the exception of a gold bracelet and a locket, the bank book and check book, the silver cigarette case and the blood-stained shirt.

The boxes themselves were blood-stained. In one was found a quantity of silverware, consisting of knives, forks and spoons. In the other were more than one hundred pieces of jewelry, in individual cases, consisting of watches, watch movements, rings, stickpins and a quantity of trinkets. When part of the jewels had been removed, the bankbook and check book were revealed.

Identifies Cigarette Case.

Jacob Frankman, a manufacturing jeweller, occupying a loft on the fourth floor, identified the cigarette case as one brought to him on Tuesday afternoon last by Vogel to be polished, a few hours before he was murdered.

"He came to my loft about 4 o'clock in the afternoon," said Frankman, "and wanted the cigarette case polished. I did this for him, and he came back later and I gave him the cigarette case, wrapped in tissue paper."

The cigarette case was taken to Police Headquarters, where it was examined by Inspector Hughes and assistants of Captain Faurot, the fingerprint expert.

"It is a beautiful finger print," said Inspector Hughes last night. "The lines, when compared with the finger prints taken of Roberts in April last, are identical."

"The detectives learned that Roberts had a pass key to the loft in which the jewelry was found. In one of the shirtwaist boxes was a list, compiled by Vogel, of the jewelry he had with him at the time. The list tallied with the loot found, with the exception of a bracelet and locket.

"Another fact that will go against Roberts, learned by the detectives, was that he was seen to enter the third floor between 7:30 and 8 o'clock on the night Vogel was murdered in the basement. The detectives ascertained that Roberts had been seen to re-enter the apartment next morning, where he remained several minutes."

A negro who had known Roberts for a long time and who had been in the habit of going home with him in the evenings, according to Inspector Hughes, said that on Wednesday night he called at the Canal street loft building.

"Nothing doing," shouted Roberts. "I'm not going home now."

Police Commissioner Waldo promoted Detective John M. Hayes yesterday afternoon, one of the detectives who assisted in the discovery of the stolen jewelry, from second grade to first grade detective, with an increase in salary of \$800 per annum. This, the Commissioner said, was done in appreciation of Detective Hayes's excellent work on the case.

The Great Game

By Samuel Hopkins Adams
Chester Kent gets keener and keener on the scent, and confounds a few village wiseacres, in the third instalment of the best detective story of the year. See next Sunday's Magazine of the New-York Tribune

TURKISH ATROCITIES TO
BE TOLD AT THE HAGUE

Appalling Cruelty, Rivaling That of the Sioux, Testified to by Doctors.

TORTURED WHILE DYING

More than Three Hundred Italians Murdered After Being Mutilated at Henni, in the Suburbs of Tripoli.

Rome, Dec. 9.—Italy is about to denounce the Turkish atrocities at Tripoli to the Tribunal at The Hague. Signor Giolitti, the Italian Prime Minister, has received a long report from General Canova, containing the sworn evidence of the Red Cross doctors, who were charged with the identification of the bodies of more than three hundred Italians who were murdered after being tortured and mutilated in the village of Henni, in the suburbs of Tripoli.

As a result of the Arab revolt of October 23 the Italians were forced to withdraw their lines, and in their haste omitted to convey the wounded to the rear. These were left in the Red Cross station in Henni. The Turks occupied the village and tortured and mutilated the wounded and also two doctors, several attendants and a stretcher bearer, whom they murdered in cold blood.

The Italians recently reoccupied Henni, where they found on the unburied bodies eloquent proof of the appalling cruelty of the Turks. The Red Cross doctors examined and photographed each body, and ascertained with the utmost certainty that all were horribly tortured when wounded and still alive.

It is impossible to describe the atrocities, which are declared to have surpassed those of Sioux Indians and other savages.

Bones were broken, limbs cut off, eyes plucked out, eyelids sewn with twine and living men buried to die of starvation with their heads alone left above ground. Microscopic analysis showed spasmodic contractions of the muscles of the faces, affording sufficient proof that the Turks not only mutilated the dead, but made martyrs of the victims while alive.

Included in the report are affidavits of eyewitnesses which prove that regular Turkish soldiers, commanded by Turkish officers, not Arabs, were guilty of the massacres. The Italians feel that they are fully justified in treating the enemy as outside the pale of civilization and giving them no quarter, but lest it be accused of retaliatory policy the government will denounce Turkey to The Hague Tribunal and formally notify the powers by furnishing them with copies of the report.

ITALIANS MUST LEAVE SMYRNA.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Smyrna to-day says that a decree of general expulsion against all Italians has been issued there.

DR. WILEY BANS WHISKERS

Unsanitary and Not To Be Worn, Says Health Authority.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Chicago, Dec. 9.—"Certainly whiskers are unsanitary."

Despite the protest of Chicago whisker wearers, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the government's pure food authority, sticks to his assertion that the "chin brush" is a bad thing for its owner and for the community at large.

"The arguments presented by Chicagoans yesterday are not real arguments," he said to-night, "for they plead for their whiskers on the ground of beauty and beauty must be sacrificed to health."

The great decrease in the number of physicians and surgeons who wear beards, Dr. Wiley explained, is due to a general recognition of the truth of his recent utterance against whiskers.

"Twenty years ago," he said, "the young physician considered a crop of hair on his chin essential to his success. But a better understanding of the dangers of germs has enlightened him. Nowadays you will see physicians and surgeons who have passed the half-century mark paying as careful attention to the removal of hair from their faces as they do to the removal of dirt from their hands."

OPERATION ON DR. ELIOT

Educator Rests Easily After Appendix Is Removed at Ceylon.

Boston, Dec. 9.—A dispatch was received here to-day stating that Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, was operated on for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, to-day.

A subsequent dispatch stated that the operation was apparently successful and that a quick recovery was expected. The appendix was removed. Dr. Eliot was reported to be resting comfortably.

At Kandy, which is situated high among the hills of Ceylon, there is an exceptionally equipped hospital in charge of English physicians and surgeons and nurses. Friends of Dr. Eliot were much relieved by the second dispatch.

Dr. Eliot resigned as president of Harvard three years ago, on reaching his seventieth birthday. He left here a month ago for a tour around the world, accompanied by his wife, his daughter, a niece and a private secretary.

SANDFORD CONVICTED
OF CAUSING 6 DEATHS

Shiloh Leader Eloquently Pleads His Own Case in United States Court.

"A PRISONER OF THE LORD"

Defendant Says God Gave Instructions to Continue Voyage of the Coronet—Severe Sentence Possible.

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—"It is all right; the work at Shiloh will continue as long as I am able to direct it."

This was the only comment which the Rev. Frank W. Sandford made this afternoon when the jurors in the United States District Court, before whom he was tried on the charge of causing the death of six of the crew of the schooner yacht Coronet, returned a verdict of guilty on each count, after being out forty minutes.

Sentence will be pronounced on the leader of the Holy Ghost and Us movement on December 18, and he furnished sureties in the sum of \$10,000 for his appearance at that time. The punishment as provided in the Penal Code of the United States is a fine of not less than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both.

Taking the witness stand in the closing hours of the trial, Sandford addressed the jury for an hour and a half, speaking the greater part of that time with impassioned eloquence.

"I think I know what you are going to do with me, gentlemen," he said, near the close of his statement. "I think God told me sixty days ago on the water. Please give me this assurance—that wherever I go you will say that Mr. Sandford went down with his colors flying and his guns reverberating."

At times the self-styled "Elijah" voice broke and he was near to sobbing, especially when he told how he had left a successful pastorate eighteen years ago to begin the work which resulted in the building of the temple and other buildings on the Durham sand hill. He boldly proclaimed that he was ready to take the consequences for the acts that had been charged up against him, and, turning to the jurors, he said:

"If I go to jail I shall do the best I can. I do not consider myself a prisoner of the law, but a prisoner of the Lord."

Heart Went Out to Esquimaux.

"Others tell about the number of men lost," he continued with reference to the voyage to the North Atlantic, where four of the men on the Coronet died and were buried at sea, "but my heart laughs at the number of souls saved. My whole heart went out to the Esquimaux. I firmly believe that the righteous man praying to the righteous God prevailed for every lost soul in Greenland. Every time I hear talk of the men lost I think of the thousands of Esquimaux, many of whom will join the white-robed throng."

The statement of Sandford delivered from the witness stand held the undivided attention of court officials, jurors and a large audience throughout its recital.

After affirming that he would tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, he took the stand and addressed the court and the jury, speaking and giving his attention principally to the jury.

He declared that high heaven was watching the scene at that very moment, watching to see that a fair trial was being given, and he felt it was due each official to give a frank statement of the voyage from this standpoint. This he then proceeded to do, at times breaking in with an argument.

Seven facts, he believed, were essential to a correct understanding of the voyage of the Coronet, and he recited each and dwelt on it at some length.

The first was that the destination of the voyage was well known and determined before the wreck of The Kingdom took place. It was well known to all on board that they expected to sail for the North, Hudson Bay, Greenland, etc., he said, and all were greatly disappointed at the wreck of The Kingdom on Mid Island, off the coast of Africa.

Tells of Instructions from God.

The destination of the Coronet was unchanged by the wreck of The Kingdom. This he stated as the second fact. With earnestness Sandford told of his instructions from God to continue. He said:

"I said: 'Father, what next? What next, now that we have this company on board?'

"I received this answer—and I make this statement advisedly, knowing what I am doing—I received this answer: 'Continue.'"

"The word was 'Continue.' I understood its meaning to be to go on with the work. It was thoroughly discussed, and finally it was decided to go on with the work which took us to the far north."

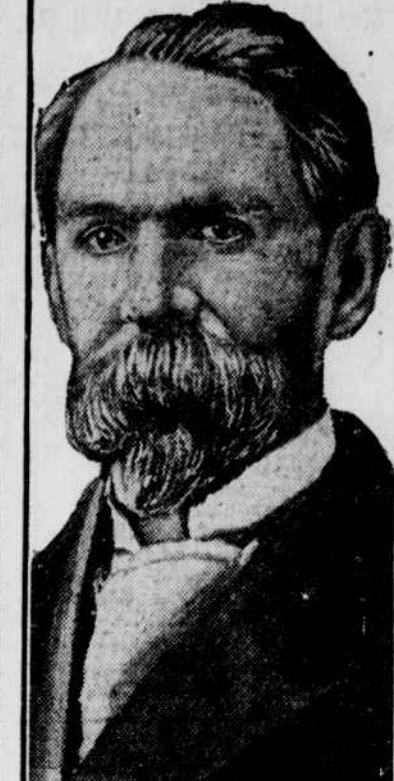
"We are disciples of God," declared Mr. Sandford. "If we have not won that medal in the past eighteen years I don't know who has."

"I am talking before a God who listens and knows when I commit perjury, and will deal with me on high, no matter what may result in this court."

He said that all knew what they were to do, but not a protest was raised, not a soul left the yacht.

Mr. Sandford then explained that the destination of the yacht Coronet was always thoroughly discussed by members of the crew, men and women, and frequently the children's opinions were asked. They prayed over the decision for hours and days, and sometimes it was weeks before it finally was reached. He added that this was true of all undertakings by his followers.

His third "fact," which he contended was essential the jury should know, was that he had been forbidden by God to visit the countries over which he prayed last year, and that was why he did not wish to return to the United States. In connection with this, Mr. Sandford be-



THE REV. FRANK W. SANDFORD. Found responsible for deaths on the yacht Coronet.

ONE WORD WORTH \$300,000

Makes Widow's Share \$500,000, Instead of \$200,000.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Cincinnati, Dec. 9.—The construction which the Circuit Court ascribed to the one word "securus" to-day decided the possession of property valued at \$300,000. The will of Thomas Foster left to his widow "all that part and interest in my estate, real, personal and mixed, which secures to her as my widow by the laws of the state of Ohio in cases of wives who survive husbands who died intestate."

Under one construction, the widow would have received \$200,000 of the estate, and under another construction the share would be more than \$500,000. The court confirmed the lower court, which gave her additional hold on the \$300,000 which had been contested.

RAISES BAN ON XMAS SEALS

Charity Stamps on Address Side of Mail To Be Permitted.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Postmaster General Hitchcock suspended to-day until January 1 the postal regulation forbidding the transmission through the mails of matter bearing upon the address side Red Cross Christmas seals, or other charity stamps.

This suspension was caused by protests from business men and bankers, through the Red Cross, that important business mail had been delayed with serious consequences. From now until January 1 Christmas seals may be placed anywhere on letters or packages.

SAVES SWAN FROM PELICAN

Was Being Choked to Death, with Head in Latter's Bill.

While two patrolmen from the Arsenal station in Central Park were throwing snowballs at Dick, the pelican in the menageries aquatic cage yesterday morning, more than a hundred persons gathered to see the cause of such activity on the part of the police. They soon learned, for the pelican had the head of a black swan inside its pouch and was trying to break its neck.

Dick got into a fight with the black swan over some delicacies that were being passed through the wire mesh of the cage by a number of children. The swan pulled every feather out of the tail of the pelican before that slow moving bird managed to grab the swan's head in its bill.

The wriggling of the swan, which was gradually being smothered with its head in the pouch of the pelican, brought two patrolmen on the run. Unable to get inside the cage, they began throwing snowballs at the pelican. But such things did not phase Dick, as the "coops" were so anxious to save the life of the fast dying swan they were inaccurate in their aim.

It was only when a park carpenter gave the pelican a well over the head with a long pole that the swan was released. It was so weak that it fell over in a heap and remained apparently dead for two hours. Then he revived enough to take a swim.

TRAIN RACES FOR A LIFE

Woman Carried 291 Miles in 300 Minutes on the U. P.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Omaha, Neb., Dec. 9.—That a woman might reach a hospital in time for an operation to save her life, the Union Pacific Railroad to-day sent its Los Angeles Limited from North Platte, Neb., to Omaha, a distance of 291 miles, in 300 minutes.

Mrs. Emma Winston, the woman, was placed aboard the train at Laramie, Wyo. When the train reached North Platte it was three hours late. While locomotives were being changed the train dispatcher was informed of the case and gave the Limited's engineer orders to make up the lost time.

Five stops, averaging six minutes each, were made in the 300 minutes, so the running time of the Limited is shown to have been 270 minutes for the 291 miles.

MITCHELL DEFENDS GOMPERS

Declares That He Knew Nothing of the Guilt of McNamara.

John Mitchell, the former president of the miners' union, said last night after addressing a meeting of the Eccentric Association of Firemen in the Sutter's Harlem River Park, that he was positive that Samuel Gompers knew nothing whatever about the guilt of McNamara in blowing up the Los Angeles Times building.

"He knew as much about it as I did myself," Mr. Mitchell added.

In his speech to the firemen Mr. Mitchell contended that with the coal miners. He said that the only difference was that the miners worked under the ground and the firemen above it.

GRAPE JUICE OF 1811 VINTAGE.

Finest Ever Now in Bottles. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton st., N.Y.

156 MEN TRAPPED
IN BURNING MINE

Three Escape Alive, Two Bodies Found, in Disaster at Briceville, Tenn., Following Explosion.

CAVE-IN HALTS RESCUERS

Small Hope That Any of the Imprisoned Men May Be Saved When Debris Is Removed—Mine Cars to Rescue.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—One hundred and fifty-six men, living or dead, are imprisoned here to-night, as they have been all day, in the Cross Mountain coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Company. The men had entered to begin the day's work, when a terrific explosion wrecked the workings.

Three only have come out alive. They had entered a lateral gangway off the main shaft, and succeeded in getting into the open before the flames and smoke caught them. The body of Lee Polston, operator of the mine's fan plant, was found buried and mangled under the cave-in in the main shaft. A widow and two children survive him.

Rescue workers are making scarcely any headway. The government rescue car and force are on hand, as are many rescuers and engineers from all over the district. The shafts extend over two miles into the mountain.

At nine o'clock to-night the body of Pearl Rolle also was found.

According to T. I. Stephenson, president of the iron company, the men, if they had reached their posts, were in lateral shafts when the explosion, which blocked the main shafts, occurred. This encourages those on the surface to hope that many may be living.